GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:640
ANSWERED ON:09.05.2002
DIGITAL TELECAST
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan is planning to beam digital telecast, country-wise;

(b) if so, the benefits likely to be derived therefrom; and

(c) the time by which digital telecast is likely to be introduced?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OTHE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 640 REGARDI DIGITAL TELECAST FOR ANSWER ON 9.5.2002.

(a) to (c): Five (5) Doordarshan channels are presently being uplinked in digital mode and these signals are available through satellite in the entire country. Prasar Bharati has no scheme to start Digital telecast throughout the country in terrestrial mode. However, Doordarshan is setting up digital terrestrial transmitters at Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai and Mumbai for startingexperimental service. The main advantages of Digital Terrestrial Transmission, as compared to analogue transmission, lie in its superior quality of audio & video signals; multi-channel operation; mobile reception and less transmission power requirement. The transmitter at Delhi has been installed and is presently under testing. Transmitters at Kolkata, Chennai and Mumbai are expected to be installed during 2002.